

### **REMARKS**

Claims 1-10 and 18-23 are pending in U.S. Application No. 10/530,609 filed on October 10, 2003. Claims 11 and 24 have been cancelled and Claims 12-17 have been withdrawn. Applicant has amended Claims 1 and 18 to particularly point out and distinctly claim Applicant's invention. Based on the foregoing amendments, Claims 1-10 and 18-23 are in condition for allowance.

### **OBJECTION TO THE SPECIFICATION**

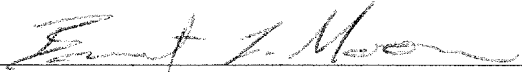
The Examiner objected to the title of the invention in the specification because it referred to the non-elected claims. Applicant has amended the title of the invention by deleting the previous title "ARRANGEMENT OF TILES HAVING BACKING LAYERS AND METHOD OF INSTALLATION THEREOF" and replacing it with "TILE HAVING A BACKING LAYER AND METHOD OF INSTALLATION THEREOF". Based upon the foregoing amendment, Applicant respectfully submits that the Examiner's objection to the title of the invention in the specification should now be withdrawn.

In view of the above, it is submitted that the claims now are in condition for allowance, and reconsideration of the rejections and objections is respectfully requested and allowance of Claims 1-10 and 18-23 at an early date is hereby respectfully solicited.

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